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KIRSCH, M.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 20, 2005

Sir:

The following is a substitute amendment written in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 25, 2005 and the Office Action mailed on August 18, 2005. Please enter the following amendments in the above referenced application and reconsider the application in amended form.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

Applicant hereby petitions for any necessary extensions or other relief associated with this filing and authorizes the commissioner to charge applicant's representative's charge account 50-0548 for any deficiencies.